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In re Application of:)	
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Application No.: 10/586,971)	
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For: SOLID STATE IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE)	

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement (“IDS”) is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned’s knowledge, before the mailing date of a Final Action, a Notice of Allowance, or another action that closes prosecution in the above-referenced application.

The document listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 was first cited in a Search Report issued by the European Patent Office on October 21, 2010 in a counterpart foreign application. Hence, to the best of the undersigned’s knowledge and recollection, each item of information contained in this IDS was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. A copy of the European Search Report dated October 21, 2010 is enclosed for the Examiner’s consideration.

Except as discussed below, the cited document is listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and a copy of the non-U.S. patent document listed on the PTO Form 1449 is also attached hereto.

While the European Search Report dated October 21, 2010 additionally cites to U.S. Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2002/0186312, Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. H3-027684 and U.S. Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2003/0193594, these documents are not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because they were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement in this application on July 25, 2006 or cited by an Examiner in an Office Action in this application on March 30, 2009 or June 18, 2010.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

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This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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